



TEXAS
PARKS &
WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION

Since 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation has leveraged public funds with private philanthropy to advance Texas' proud outdoor traditions and conserve our state's wildlife, habitat and natural resources. Our vision is for all Texans to have access to the wild things and wild places in our state, both now and for generations to come.

Who needs wild things and wild places in Texas?

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION BELIEVES WE ALL DO.



Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is committed to conserving the very nature of Texas. From ensuring the long-term health of Texas rivers and restoring native wildlife, to enhancing Texas State Parks and training the next generation of Texas Game Wardens, we fund high-impact, meaningful projects that will ensure future generations can enjoy the wild things and wild places of Texas.

We partner with private foundations, corporations and individual donors in order to leverage public funds with private philanthropy, amplifying Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's efforts to safeguard the lands, waters and wildlife of our state.



CONSERVE



Our rising population and ongoing development are placing increased stresses on our lands, wildlife and water. Habitat is fragmented, native species are declining and our waterways are strained.

Working together, we can ensure the future of the landscapes and wildlife that define us. Native species like pronghorn, bobwhite quail, the monarch butterfly and Guadalupe bass are precious resources that must be sustained for future generations. We can achieve success, through public/private partnerships involving agencies, universities, nonprofit organizations and private landowners across the state.



Texas is home to nearly **800** species of fish, **425** species of butterflies, **634** species of birds, and over **4,600** species of native plants. There are more than **190,000** miles of rivers and streams, **7** major estuaries, and over **200** major springs statewide.

Take the pronghorn, for example, an ancient North American species and the fastest land animal in the Western Hemisphere. These icons of the American West once roamed the Trans-Pecos region more than 17,000 strong. Sadly, by 2012, pronghorn were at risk of disappearing from the Trans-Pecos forever.

With the help of our donors, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) is leveraging public funding to ensure that this unique and iconic animal recovers and continues to roam the desert grasslands of West Texas. Funding for the Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Restoration Project supports vital project activities such as the translocation of pronghorn, monitoring and research activities, and habitat restoration and improvements.



STEWARD



The landscapes of Texas offer a natural beauty and ruggedness of character that both teaches and inspires. But as land held in families for generations is sold in smaller parcels, Texas heritage is at risk of being lost forever.

Today, our responsibility as stewards is more vital than ever. With your help, TPWF is conserving the places that uniquely define us as Texans, making spectacular acquisitions and securing smaller land holdings in strategic locations as well.

Here are three examples:

- ▶ TPWF's 2014 acquisition of Powderhorn Ranch, which represents 17,351 acres of Texas' vanishing coastal prairie, will ultimately lead to the creation of a new state park and wildlife management area, forever conserving habitat for hundreds of species, including the endangered whooping crane. Private philanthropy was critical to the acquisition.
- ▶ A 2,800-acre Stephens County ranch, donated to TPWF in a bequest from Robbie Davis, represents a family's treasured land legacy and will eventually provide public hunting opportunities. It's a beautiful piece of Texas.

- ▶ TPWF's purchase of the XO Ranch, a sportsman's paradise in Palo Pinto County, is conserving one of the best remaining examples of Texas' Cross Timbers habitat, previously unrepresented among state land holdings. Wildlife research and habitat restoration will take place, and the 5,458 acres will be conserved forever.

The fact is, every acre of Texas tells a story stretching back generations. TPWF's role, with your support, is to allow that story to be shared by all future generations.



Texas has **11** distinct ecoregions, covering **268,500** square miles.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department oversees more than **1.4 million** acres – an area nearly **twice** the size of Rhode Island.

Approximately **95** percent of land in Texas is privately held.

Making an Impact

Texas' vast, rugged prairies, towering canyons, grassy banks, untamed rivers and untouched shorelines exemplify the diversity of Texas' landscapes.

Our donors are passionate about an equally diverse array of conservation issues, from enhancing state parks to conserving iconic Texas species and habitats and ensuring our game wardens are the best trained corps of conservation officers in the nation. No matter where in Texas your passion lies, your gift to TPWF will reach it.



Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

The **META ALICE KEITH BRATTEN FOUNDATION** is a longstanding partner and has provided generous support for state park enhancements and habitat conservation. At Enchanted Rock, a competitive grant funded by the Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation and matched by TPWF will provide new trail markers to enhance safety and the visitor experience.

"The goal of our foundation is to make the outdoors a better place to be. We made initial grants to TPWF for three state parks and were very pleased with the result. I come from a nonprofit background and am impressed at TPWF's tightly run operations. Knowing that my donations are going directly to park projects has kept me hooked. If you love the state of Texas and love the outdoors, TPWF is a great choice for charitable contributions."

- **ADELAIDE LEAVENS**, President, Meta Alice Keith Bratten Foundation



Louis H. Stumberg, Sr. was a lifelong outdoorsman and conservationist

The **FAMILY OF LOUIS H. STUMBERG, SR.** is honoring his legacy with a significant contribution to the Game Warden Training Center. Stumberg was devoted to conservation all his life, from stewardship of the family's South Texas ranch to his service on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and his involvement with Shikar-Safari Club International.

"I can still remember our local game warden coming to the ranch back in the 1970s, trading stories with my dad. There was such camaraderie and trust there. Game wardens are true community policemen and we're proud to honor our dad's memory by supporting them in this way."

- **HERB STUMBERG**

"Our dad had a sincere affection and appreciation for our wildlife officers. And we know game wardens are integral to conserving the outdoor experience in Texas, which has blessed us. Helping to provide the facilities and equipment game wardens need is meaningful for our family."

- **ERIC STUMBERG**



Angie Dickson is active with Kids on the Land, which was started in 2003 by family friend Peggy Maddox

ANGIE DICKSON grew up on a West Texas ranch, in a family committed to conservation. As a child she dreamed of becoming a park ranger. Today, she is involved in **Kids on the Land**, a program to get children involved in nature. Joining TPWF's board of trustees in 2015 has allowed her to become even more involved with the parks and wildlife of Texas.

"We need to find ways to allow our children to get outdoors, to just be outside. It is important that they be involved with the land and connect with the natural world. If we can do that, they will learn to love and respect the land. And if they love and respect it, they will take care of it."

- **ANGIE DICKSON**



Cedar Hill State Park

The **PARKS FAMILY FOUNDATION** has donated to TPWF for several years. Passionate about the outdoors, Chris Parks researched nonprofits and determined that TPWF would provide the best benefit to the cause he cares about.

"My parents set up our foundation so we could give back to our community. Growing up, we visited many national parks, and when we moved to Texas we discovered the beautiful state parks here. When the opportunity came to support something meaningful to us, state parks were top of mind. We're pleased to support TPWF and the parks that have given us so much enjoyment. We hope that other Texans have the chance to experience the parks like we did."

- **CHRIS PARKS**, Parks Family Foundation



Members of the K-9 Unit on patrol

BOB STARNES and **BILL HORABIN** are business partners and longtime supporters of Texas Game Wardens. Both have been involved with **Operation Game Thief (OGT)**, with Starnes serving on the boards of OGT and TPWF. Their support helped create the Texas Game Warden K-9 Unit in 2013.

"I have always been a big supporter of Texas Game Wardens, and dogs have always been a big part of my hunting life. Helping TPWF fund this new K-9 unit was a good match for my interests. We strongly support the game warden mission and the wardens themselves. It's gratifying to support this additional resource to help them do their job."

- **BILL HORABIN**

"My wife trains hunting and service dogs, and we have a special affinity for the incredible relationship between people and dogs. It's wonderful to see the bond between each of the wardens and their dogs, and the positive connection that they can make with the public. We are pleased we could make a difference with our contribution."

- **BOB STARNES**

Ways to Give

No matter how you choose to give, your support of TPWF makes a significant and lasting impact on Texas' wild things and wild places.

Our donors' drive to make a conservation impact that speaks to their most closely held values is as important as their need to choose the right gift type. We provide a range of gift-giving options, so our donors can match their interests and resources to a project that will make a difference. Your gift will have a meaningful impact on the conservation of Texas' lands, waters and wildlife.

	IMPACT ON TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION		POTENTIAL TAX BENEFITS		
	IMMEDIATE IMPACT	FUTURE IMPACT	IMMEDIATE INCOME TAX BENEFITS	ESTATE TAX BENEFITS	CAPITAL GAINS TAX BENEFITS
Gift of Cash	★		★		
Gift of Securities	★		★		★
Establish a Fund	★	★	★		★
Gift of Real Estate	★		★	★	★
Gift of Personal Property	★		★		★
Gift in Will or Estate Plan		★		★	
Gift of Retirement Plan Assets	★	★	★	★	
Gift of Life Insurance	★	★	★	★	
Charitable Remainder Trust		★	★	★	★

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OTHER ADVANTAGES FOR YOU

Enjoy giving during your lifetime

Provide support at a lower cost than gift of cash

Direct your conservation impact over time

Eliminate expense of maintaining a residence or property you no longer need

Use your coin or stamp collections, artwork, mineral royalties or other valuable property to make an impact

Allows you to leave a legacy without impacting current lifestyle

Avoids double taxation and can be used for annual mandatory distribution

A substantial and easy gift to make

Provides you, or someone you choose, a certain amount of income for a period of time

90 cents of every
dollar raised
goes to conserving
Texas' lands,
waters and wildlife.



Your gift matters.



ENGAGE



Just as our lands and waters have changed, so too have the faces of Texas. Fifty years ago, our state was a decidedly rural state; today we're a decidedly urban state. Yet, more and more, we recognize that people, and especially kids, who spend time outside are happier, healthier and smarter.

To answer these needs, TPWF is leveraging public dollars with private philanthropy to enhance the state parks and natural areas closest to Texas' major population centers. This effort includes providing access to Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, just west of the DFW Metroplex, and Kronkosky State Natural Area, close to San Antonio.

While proximity to state parks may be one barrier, lack of outdoor experience is another. With private support from TPWF, **Texas Outdoor Family** aims to remove that obstacle by providing camping workshops where experienced park rangers help families learn the ropes in their local state park. Since the program began, thousands of families have connected with nature and with each other at a **Texas Outdoor Family** weekend.

The **Neighborhood Fishin'** program is another gateway to the outdoors, funded with generous donations from the **Toyota Texas Bass Classic** that leverage public funding sources. **Neighborhood Fishin'** provides an opportunity for year-round fishing in local lakes for youth and families. Fish are stocked regularly at these lakes, and fishing clinics are conducted to promote the program in the community. Thanks to private philanthropy, these opportunities are available in 18 different locations in urban areas across the state.



Less than **5 percent** of land in Texas is publicly owned, with only an estimated **2.5 percent** available for recreation.



LEAD



For more than a century, Texas Game Wardens have watched over the lands, waters, wildlife and people of Texas. And in times of natural disaster, they are on the front lines saving lives.

Game wardens undergo the most rigorous training of any peace officer in Texas and are widely acclaimed as the best trained and best educated conservation law enforcement officers in the nation. TPWF helps support the Game Warden Training Center, which provides state-of-the-art facilities to maintain game wardens' longstanding legacy of excellence. This facility represents the beginning, middle and end of every game warden's career, serving as their initiation into the culture of service and excellence that the citizens of Texas deserve.



The **500** commissioned peace officers who serve as game wardens patrol over **10 million** miles by vehicle and **160,000** hours by boat and save **hundreds** of lives each year.

Highly specialized search and rescue teams are also trained at the Game Warden Training Center. TPWF supports these teams, providing essential training and specialty items like dive helmets and sonar that allow teams to perform their duties as safely and effectively as possible. A K-9 unit was established in 2013, thanks to TPWF support. These teams assist Texans in a wide variety of emergencies, from the West, Texas fertilizer plant explosion, to the catastrophic tornadoes that struck North Texas in 2015 and the widespread flooding of recent spring seasons. On the Gulf Coast, Texas Game Wardens rescued more than 5,000 victims of Hurricane Katrina and provided aid to more than 6,000 Texas evacuees of Hurricane Ike.

Inspiring a Conservation Ethic

Who needs wild things and wild places in Texas? We all do. That's why the future of Texas depends on all of us working together to advance our outdoor traditions and conserve our wildlife, habitat and natural resources.

TPWF's supporters work to inspire others to join them in stewarding our lands, waters and wildlife, and in so doing, they live out their love for the outdoors in a variety of ways. Members of Stewards of the Wild, TPWF's young professionals program, work to engage their peers with conservation issues, while other young professionals pursue careers stewarding our natural resources. Our supporters seek to instill the value of caring for the outdoors in others using any means possible, be it art, philanthropy, leadership, or simply taking their children outside.

TPWF proudly recognizes those who are engaging and inspiring the next generation of conservationists, and we invite you to join them.



The Llano River and its watershed are benefitting from the Conserving Texas Rivers Initiative

*"I grew up on the Guadalupe River, and it is near and dear to my heart. I learned so much about nature and life along its banks. The **Conserving Texas Rivers Initiative** that is supported by TPWF really struck a chord with me. It has helped me appreciate all that goes into the wellness of a river and what it takes to keep our rivers healthy. Now that I have children of my own, it is even more meaningful to help conserve the river of my childhood and other Texas treasures that mean so much to our family."*

~ **CULLEN LOEFFLER**, TPWF Supporter



Joe McBride was inducted into the Texas Conservation Hall of Fame for his lifelong contributions supporting hunting, fishing and outdoor traditions

*"Hunting is the very foundation of conservation. That's why I've been so supportive of Texas Game Wardens, **Operation Game Thief** and Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. Encouraging our youth to get involved in the outdoors is our future. The youth of today will be the conservation leaders of tomorrow and will make sure that the Texas that we love will be here for future generations to enjoy."*

~ **JOE MCBRIDE**, Former member of TPWF Board of Trustees



Artist Billy Hassell has partnered with TPWF on a specially commissioned set of lithographs benefitting the wild things and wild places of Texas

"Nature has fed my soul for my entire life and it is an honor and a great opportunity to have these works directly connected to a conservation cause and to raise awareness of these resources. I appreciate what TPWF is doing to protect Texas landscapes and wildlife, and it is gratifying to participate in an effort to conserve what I love."

~ **BILLY HASSELL**, Texas Artist



TPWF scholarship recipient Thomas Janke now works for the Borderlands Research Institute, conserving the majestic creatures he researched as a student

"For my Master's thesis, I was blessed to have the opportunity to study desert bighorn sheep being re-introduced to an uninhabited mountain range in west Texas. I am very grateful for the scholarships I received. They allowed me to focus on school and field work, get the most out of my education, and they created opportunities for me that would have never been possible otherwise. The entire experience has helped me realize that there is a bigger conservation picture and that we are all part of a grander scheme."

~ **THOMAS JANKE**, Wildlife Biologist, Borderlands Research Institute



Stewards of the Wild members enjoy a day of dove hunting and photographing nature

"I think what I really enjoy about being involved with Stewards of the Wild is seeing the amount of energy there is. It's a very inspiring, energetic group of people who are trying really hard to make a difference, and to make sure that there's wild places and animals that live in them going into the future. To find people in their 20s and 30s really passionate about these issues is really inspiring. It's uplifting to know that this many young people really care about conservation."

~ **BEN MASTERS**, Stewards of the Wild member



Leave a Wild Legacy for Texas

THE JOHN GRAVES LEGACY SOCIETY

The John Graves Legacy Society honors individuals who have made a planned gift to Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation through their will or estate plan. These special supporters are committed to conserving Texas' lands, waters and wildlife for the future and want their legacy to reflect this commitment.

John Graves (1920-2013) was a beloved Texas writer who shared the abundant natural beauty of our state with thousands of readers and gave voice to the urgent need to protect Texas' unique landscapes in his book *Goodbye to a River*. Just as John Graves inspired countless individuals to take an active role in the stewardship of our wild things and wild places, so too can a planned gift to Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation impact the future of conservation in Texas.

Texans have set an example of leaving a legacy for future generations. When Robbie Davis began planning her estate in her later years, she thought deeply about the beautiful 2,800-acre family ranch in Stephens County where she grew up, which she had inherited. She consulted with trust officer Jim Farley, who researched several options before settling on TPWF. "Robbie expressed a strong desire for the ranch to ultimately benefit the people of Texas," said Farley. "I know she would be very pleased that her desire for the ranch to be maintained and enjoyed by future generations has been fulfilled."

A scenic landscape photograph featuring a misty river at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A dark canoe is positioned in the foreground on the right, partially obscured by green foliage. The background shows a line of trees and a hazy sky with soft clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

LEAVE A WILD LEGACY FOR TEXAS

We encourage you to have a conversation with us about including a gift to Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation in your will or estate plan. Find out how you can leave a wild legacy for Texas at tpwf.planmylegacy.org.

